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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(2)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. United States patent number 5,727,259 issued to Kawamata on March 17, 1998;
- B. United States patent number 6,247,811 issued to Rhoades, et al. on June 19, 2001;
- C. United States patent application number 2001/0029623 A1 of Tsubooka published on October 18, 2001;
- D. Japanese Utility Model Application Publication (Kokoku) No. 6-42694 published by the Japanese Patent Office on November 9, 1994;
- E. Japanese Utility Model Registration No. 3009948 issued by the Japanese Patent Office on April 18, 1995; and
- F. United States patent number 5,515,551 issued to Yashiro on May 14, 1996.

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The above-listed prior arts are all cited in the International Search Report issued on October 28, 2003 to the PCT/JP03/10712 upon which the above-identified U.S. application is filed. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Though the prior arts D and E are not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of X's and Y's along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for the non-English language prior arts is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. Nonetheless, an English summary of each one of these two non-English language prior arts is attached to each copy of these prior arts.

It is, therefore, hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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